(a) whether Government are aware that Aurangzeb was the most controversial and divisive emperor of India, whereas his elder brother, Dara Shikoh, was the finest example of national unity and integrity; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider renaming Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi, as Dara Shikoh Road, to promote national unity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that there is no such proposal under their consideration at this stage.

TADA case against Calcutta Don

5713. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the relaease of Calcutta don Rashid, villian of last year's mega-explosion in Calcutta;

(b) whether the failure of the TADA case against him was due to faulty investigation and prosecution;

(c) whether Rashid's diary mentioned names of IPS and other Police officers close to him; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken, or is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) According to information furnished by the State Government of West Bengal, Rashid has not been released.

(b) No, Sir. The Single Bench of the Calcutta High Court has passed an order that the ingredients of the case does not justify his prosecution under TADA.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Criminal Justice system and Sentencing practices

5714. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a fresh look at the country's criminal justice system and sentencing practices in view of the mounting crime rate and unmanageable prison population as per the suggestions given by the Chief Justice of India as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 4th March, 1994 captioned "CJsuggest fresh look criminal justice has 'failed' in the country";

(b) if so, the main reasons for overcrowding in prisons and the steps taken on the need for more humanitarian approach towards prisoners instead of following the old prison laws gramed by the British; and

(c) what is the practice in U.S.A., U.K. etc. in tackling similar problems and whether Government took any concrete steps on the recommendations made by the Mulla Committee long ago on "measures for affecting reforms and changing prison laws" etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Though "Prisons" is a State subject, Government of India takes administrative as well as legislative measures from time to time to bring about necessary reforms in the administration of criminal justice system including prison administrations since it is deeply concerned with the increasing crime rate and prison population. Emphasis is laid on treating jails as correctional centres for reformation and rehabilitation of prisoners in line with international practices.